

Ransom Canyon City Council Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – August 12, 2014
Ransom Canyon City Hall, 24 Lee Kitchens Drive

1. Call to Order/Silent Meditation

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Jana Trew. Mayor Robert Englund arrived a few minutes later. Council members present were Lyle Way, Billy Williams, Donna Clarke, and John Schmersey. A moment of silent meditation followed.

2. Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 8, 2014 was approved on a motion made by Billy Williams, seconded by Lyle Way; motion carried unanimously.

3. The Financials

The financial reports and the July 2014 claims and demands were approved on a motion made by Donna Clarke, seconded by Billy Williams; motion carried unanimously.

4. Boat Dock at 14 South Lake Shore Drive

The Council approved changes to a boat dock at 14 South Lake Shore Drive on a motion made by John Schmersey, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously. The Building Review Committee felt they did not have the authority to approve these plans because of the dock's legal non-conforming status.

5. Tax Assessor/Collector's Report – Consider a Proposed Tax Rate

A proposed tax rate of \$.65929 per \$100 valuation was made by Billy Williams, seconded by John Schmersey; motion carried unanimously. This proposed rate does not exceed either the 2014 effective rate or the 2014 rollback rate; therefore all public hearings on the tax rate will be cancelled. The tax assessors report is as follows:

❖ 2014 Certified Net Taxable Value:	\$110,638,690 (2013 \$110,841,387)
❖ Certification of Collection Rate:	100%
❖ 2014 Effective Tax Rate:	.66210
❖ 2014 Rollback Tax Rate:	.71195
❖ 2013 Tax Rate:	.65929

6. Building Review Committee

The BRC met to consider plans for changes to a boat dock at 14 South Lake Shore Drive and deferred approval to the Council because of the existing dock's legal non-conforming status, but the committee takes no exception to the plans.

7. Department Reports

Administration: Murvat Musa reported the following:

- ❖ Building permit revenues are up considerably because of all the new construction.
- ❖ The warning siren has been delivered and we are awaiting the installer.
- ❖ The emergency road through Buffalo will be considered by their board at their next meeting, August 18th.

Court Report: Gary Bellair reported the following:

- ❖ Three parking tickets have been paid.
- ❖ Two judgments have been finalized, one for a stop sign violation and the other for a failure to appear.

Operations: Harold Needham reported the following:

- ❖ The department is busy sealing cracks in the streets in preparation for the upcoming annual seal coating, unfortunately, we are having trouble finding hot mix.
- ❖ Several water taps are in progress for new home construction.

Police: James Hill reported the following:

- ❖ One citation was issued for not stopping at a stop sign. One written warning was issued and several verbal warnings were given.
- ❖ The department has been actively patrolling the lake to ensure boats are properly licensed and permitted. This has resulted in a larger than normal amount of boat permits being issued.
- ❖ With school starting soon, there will be lots of patrolling at both entrances to the city.

Fire: Rand McPherson reported the following:

- ❖ There were no fire calls and one medical call this month.
- ❖ The new warning siren has been delivered and we are waiting for the installer to arrive. The siren will be located on South Lake Shore Drive before the road turns to the end.
- ❖ The VFD plans for a pancake breakfast on September 20.
- ❖ The coke machine at the fire house is broken; the fire department is trying to get it repaired.

Library: Kim Copeland reported the following:

- ❖ The reading program came to a close with the awards party which 85 children attended. The children received awards, prizes, and lunch was provided by the VFD.

8. POA Report and Citizen Comments:

- ❖ The Community Day events were very successful with approximately 400 people participating throughout the day.
- ❖ A contractor has been engaged to begin the rocking of the Ranch House. The project is expected to be completed by the end of November.

9. Break

The Council took at 15 minute break.

10. Budget Work Session #2

The Council discussed in detail the budget. Highlights include:

- Options for placement of the new proposed city hall; cost of moving the existing building in order to build the new building on the same site, or building the new city hall directly behind the existing building.
- Engaging an architect firm for design and project management of the city hall.
- Researching erosion control of the back hill by contacting New Mexico for information on a fencing system.

11. Adjourn

- ❖ A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12p.m. was made by Billy Williams, seconded by Jana Trew; motion carried unanimously.

These minutes were approved on the 9th day of September 2014

APPROVED:

Robert Englund, Mayor

ATTEST:

Muvat Musa, City Secretary